

### REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Johnson for his courteous and congenial telephone interview with Applicants' representative on June 23, 2004.

Claims 7-22 are pending in the present application, and are allowed.

Claims 1-6 are canceled, however, Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application on the canceled claims.

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. 6,077,619 to Sullivan.

Applicants disagree with this rejection, however, claims 5 and 6 are canceled with this Amendment to permit the allowed claims to issue as a patent.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. 5,374,412 to Pickering et al. in view of U.S. 6,077,619 to Sullivan.

Although Applicants disagree with this rejection, claims 1-3 are canceled with this Amendment to permit the allowed claims to issue.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. 5,618,594 to Tulloch et al. as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. 6,077,619 to Sullivan.

Applicants disagree with this rejection, however, to permit the allowed claims to issue as a patent Applicants cancel claims 1-3 with this Amendment.

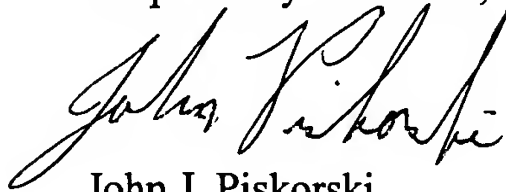
All the rejected claims are canceled. Accordingly all rejections with respect to those claims are moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response or this application, or should he believe this application is for any reason not yet in condition for allowance, he is

respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below in order to expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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